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Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation



Announcing the Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation "Forum on Catastrophe Preparedness: Partnering to Protect Workplaces"

**South San Francisco Conference Center
255 So. Airport Blvd., South San Francisco, CA
April 7, 2006**

This forum is sponsored by the California Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation (CHSWC), a labor-management Commission created by the 1993 workers' compensation reform legislation. The Commission was established to oversee the health, safety and workers' compensation systems in California and recommend administrative or legislative modifications to improve their operation. Recognizing that employers and workers should be prepared if a catastrophe strikes at the workplace, the Commission voted to host a public education program devoted to workplace safety in the event of terrorist attacks and natural disasters. CHSWC developed this forum to provide an opportunity for the health, safety and workers' compensation communities and the public to discuss and share ideas for safety in responding to terrorist attacks and natural disasters, learn lessons from other experiences, as well as consider areas where improvements need to be made.

One hundred years after the catastrophic earthquake of 1906, earthquake risk and the risk of other catastrophes including terrorism continue to loom large for Californians and the nation. And as we have learned from September 11, the risk of a catastrophe while people are at work and the risks to the workers who respond require the urgent attention of employers, workers and policymakers. This conference will bring together leaders in homeland security, emergency response, and occupational safety and health to discuss individual, worker and employer preparedness for catastrophic risks.